# Attitudes Towards Photo Radar Among City of Scottsdale Licensed Drivers Update

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# INTRODUCTION / METHODOLOGY

Photo radar and red light cameras have been operating in the City of Scottsdale for about six years.

The Scottsdale Arizona Police Department contracted with Behavior Research Center, Inc. to conduct a survey designed to provide an update regarding awareness and opinions of photo radar among licensed drivers residing in the City of Scottsdale. The survey was identical in wording to those used in 1997, 1999, and 2000, with the exception of one open-ended question which was added for the 2000 study and replicated for this one.

Respondent selection on this survey was accomplished utilizing random digit dial methods; the sample consisted of randomly generated telephone numbers selected from prefix banks proportionately representative of all working exchanges in the City of Scottsdale.

A total of 401 adults residing within the corporate boundaries of Scottsdale were interviewed between December 11, 2003, and January 2, 2004.

When analyzing the results of this survey it should be kept in mind that all surveys are subject to sampling error. An estimate of the sample error range for this survey is provided in the following table.

	Approximate
	Sampling Error at 95%
	Confidence Level
Sample	(Plus/Minus Percentage
Size	of Sampling Tolerance)
402	5.0%
200	7.1
100	10.0
50	14.1

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A copy of the questionnaire is appended to this report.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- ! As in the prior three studies, awareness of the use of photo radar and red light cameras in Scottsdale remains almost universal, while awareness of the Focus on Safety program remains low.
- ! Awareness among Scottsdale residents of publicity or new stories about it has decreased slightly since the 2001 study. Radio traffic reports remain the primary source of awareness.
- ! Among those who recall publicity or news stories about the program, six in ten report becoming more supportive of the program as a result of what they heard.
- ! Overall support for the program continues at a high, with three-quarters reporting support for the program.
- ! Respondents continue to identify "reducing the number of people who run red lights" and "improving traffic safety" as the primary benefits of the program, followed by a reduction in speeding in Scottsdale.
- ! Almost half of all drivers and six in ten younger drivers report they are more careful to observe speed limits and traffic regulations than they were before the program began, and are more conscientious in Scottsdale than they are when driving in other Valley cities that do not have photo radar and red light cameras.
- ! Consistent with findings in the four prior surveys, respondents believe other Scottsdale drivers are less supportive of the program than the study indicates. About three in ten believe a majority supports the program and two in ten believe most oppose it.
- ! Overall, women are more supportive of the program than men again, a finding consistent with prior surveys, and support for the program among men has slipped since 2001.

# **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

#### AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE

# Focus on Safety

Awareness of the "Focus on Safety" program among Scottsdale licensed drivers remains low. Fewer than two of ten report being familiar with the name. For eight of ten, this was the first time they had heard of the program.

"There is a program in Scottsdale called Focus on Safety. Would you say you know a great deal, some, only a little or is this the first time you have heard of the Focus on Safety program?"

| _                   | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                     |      |      |      |      |      |
| A great deal        | 3%   | 2%   | 3%   | 4%   | 3%   |
| Some                | 4    | 3    | 2    | 5    | 7    |
| Only a little       | 12   | 14   | 12   | 13   | 12   |
| First time heard of | 80   | 80   | 82   | 75   | 77   |
| Unsure              | 1    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 1    |

# Photo Radar & Red Light Cameras

Awareness of the operation of photo radar and red light cameras in Scottsdale remains virtually universal.

"As far as you know, are photo radar and red light cameras operating in Scottsdale?"

|        | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |  |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
|        |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Yes    | 95%  | 98%  | 93%  | 94%  | 97%  |  |
| No     | 2    | 1    | 6    | 4    | 1    |  |
| Unsure | 3    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    |  |
|        |      |      |      |      |      |  |

# Publicity or Reporting About Photo Radar & Red Light Cameras

Respondents were asked a series of questions about their recall of publicity or news stories related to photo radar and red light cameras.

One-third recall publicity or news, reflecting a decrease in awareness from the 2001 survey.

As can be seen in the following table, awareness of publicity is not as related to age of residents as has been seen previously.

"In the past few months, have you seen any publicity or reporting about photo radar and red light cameras?"

|                                                        | Yes                  | No                   | Unsure           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL                                                  | 33%                  | 65%                  | 2%               |
| <u>GENDER</u><br>Male<br>Female                        | 32<br>35             | 67<br>63             | 1<br>2           |
| AGE<br>18 to 24<br>25 to 34<br>35 to 54<br>55 and over | 30<br>25<br>30<br>35 | 70<br>75<br>68<br>63 | 0<br>0<br>2<br>2 |

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Those recalling reporting or publicity were asked to recount what they remembered most about the publicity or reporting they had seen.

The proportion recalling negative stories continues to decline; currently cited by ten percent.

Positive stories are recalled by three in ten.

Almost half of licensed drivers recall neutral or descriptive stories. Fourteen percent of respondents had no specific recall.

"What do you remember most about advertising and news stories you have seen about photo radar and red light cameras?"

| _  | 2004             | 2001                  | 2000            | 1999             | 1997             |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| POSITIVE   | <u>31%</u>       | <u>26%</u>            | <u>36%</u>      | <u>27%</u>       | <u>34%</u>       |
| SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (NET)  It's working-has reduced violations, accidents, | <u>21%</u>       | <u>18%</u>            | <u>21%</u>      | <u>22%</u>       | <u>19%</u>       |
| violators are getting caught  Has reduced accidents                        | 17<br>3          | 12                    | 10<br>7         | 9                | 18               |
| Has made the roads safer   | 2                | 3<br>3                | 6               | 12<br>4          | 0<br>1           |
| SUPPORT OF IT (NET)  | <u>11%</u>       | <u>11%</u>            | <u>15%</u>      | <u>6%</u>        | <u>13%</u>       |
| Other cities want to start using it  | 10               | 8                     | 8               | 2                | 3                |
| People support it They're planning to add more                             | 0<br>0           | 2<br>0                | 7<br>0          | 2<br>2           | 2<br>0           |
| City government is trying to justify it's use                              | -                | -                     |                 | _                | -                |
| planning to use it   | 2                | 1                     | 0               | 1                | 7                |
| NEUTRAL/DESCRIPTIVE  | <u>47%</u>       | <u>54%</u>            | <u>35%</u>      | <u>52%</u>       | <u>45%</u>       |
| Location (NET) Where they will be located                                  | <u>14%</u><br>14 | <u>23%</u><br>23      | <u>14%</u><br>8 | <u>19%</u><br>13 | <u>9%</u><br>9   |
| Heard on radio where located   | 0                | 0                     | 6               | 4                | 0                |
| GENERAL AWARENESS (NET)  | <u>22%</u>       | <u>23%</u>            | 0               | 0                | 0                |
| They are out there   | 21               | 17<br>6               | 0<br>0          | 0<br>0           | 0                |
| Slogan - Brake on Yellow, Stop on Red                                      | 1                |                       |                 | -                | 0                |
| LEGALITY Court cases-people fighting tickets                               | <u>3%</u><br>3   | <u><b>4%</b></u><br>4 | <u>10%</u><br>9 | <u>7%</u><br>7   | <u>14%</u><br>13 |
| Legal issues-whether it's legal or not                                     | Ö                | 0                     | 2               | 0                | 2                |
| SIGNS (NET)  | <u>5%</u>        | <u>4%</u>             | <u>5%</u>       | <u>5%</u>        | <u>4%</u>        |
| Have seen alert signs  | 5                | 4                     | 5               | 5                | 4                |
| CONTROVERSY (NET)  | <u>2%</u><br>2   | <u>1%</u><br>1        | <u>1%</u><br>1  | <u>2%</u><br>2   | <u>8%</u><br>8   |
| It's controversial   | _                | ·                     | •               | _                | •                |
| How IT WORKS (NET) Takes photo of car and owner is contacted               | <u>2%</u><br>0   | <u>1%</u><br>0        | <u>5%</u><br>0  | <u>4%</u><br>2   | <u>3%</u><br>2   |
| How it works   | 2                | 1                     | 5               | 1                | 2                |
| NEGATIVE   | <u>10%</u>       | <u>13%</u>            | <u>15%</u>      | <u>25%</u>       | <u>34%</u>       |
| LACK OF SUPPORT FOR IT (NET)   | <u>3%</u><br>2   | <u>7%</u>             | <u>14%</u>      | <u>13%</u>       | <u>27%</u><br>20 |
| People are against it  Have read or seen news against it                   | 1                | 3<br>3                | 6<br>8          | 10<br>4          | 20               |
| They might get rid of it   | 0                | 1                     | 0               | 0                | 3                |
| Petition drive against it  | 0                | 0                     | 1               | 0                | 2                |
| FINES(NET)   | <u>0%</u>        | <u>6%</u>             | 0               | 0                | 0                |
| Expensive Problems Collecting  | 0<br>0           | 4<br>2                | 0<br>0          | 0<br>0           | 0<br>0           |
| VIOLATES OUR RIGHTS/UNFAIR/UNCONSTITUTIONAL (NET)                          | <u>7%</u>        | <u>1%</u>             | <u>0%</u>       | <u>2%</u>        | <u>4%</u>        |
| NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS (NET)                                 | <u>1%</u>        | <u>2%</u>             | <u>1%</u>       | <u>0%</u>        | <u>2%</u>        |
| Can't recall   | 14%              | 11%                   | 19%             | 18%              | 11%              |

As in the prior surveys, respondents were read a list of five different venues where they might have seen advertising or other publicity about photo radar and red light cameras.

Overall, results are generally consistent with those from prior surveys.

Radio traffic reports are the primary source, with almost six in ten recalling having heard about photo radar and red light cameras via this medium.

The proportion recalling flyers sent with water bills has declined from 22 to 14 percent since the 2001 study.

"Do you recall seeing or hearing about photo radar and red light cameras?"

| _   | Yes | No  | Unsure |
|---|-----|-----|--------|
|   |     |     |        |
| On radio traffic reports                    | 55% | 44% | 1%     |
| In posters or information cards             | 16  | 83  | 1      |
| In flyers sent with water bills             | 14  | 83  | 3      |
| At demonstrations by the Scottsdale Police  | 13  | 85  | 2      |
| During movie theaters' pre-film advertising | 10  | 84  | 6      |

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Some differences are evident in recall of these venues with regard to age and gender of drivers. These are summarized in the following table.

Drivers over 25 years of age are more likely to hear about photo radar on traffic reports than those under 25.

# % Who Have Seen or Heard About Photo Radar and Red Light Cameras

	On Radio Traffic Reports	In Posters or Information Cards	In Flyers Sent with Water Bills	At Demon- strations by the Scottsdale Police	During Movie Theater's Pre-Film Advertising
TOTAL	55%	16%	14%	13%	10%
GENDER					
Male	64	19	17	13	6
Female	47	14	11	13	14
<u>Age</u>					
18 to 24	17	17	17	0	0
25 to 34	50	20	20	30	10
35 to 54	58	19	15	12	12
55 and over	58	14	12	12	11
FOCUS ON SAFETY					
Aware	62	24	15	29	15
First time heard of	52	13	14	6	9

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Further, Scottsdale drivers were asked about other venues where they had seen or heard about photo radar and red light cameras.

Three in ten report they have seen or heard about photo radar and red light cameras on television or have read about them in newspapers.

News on radio is cited as a source of awareness by 17 percent, a slight increase from 2001.

"Where else have you seen or heard about photo radar and red light cameras?"

|                             | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| News on T.V.                | 28%  | 35%  | 29%  | 29%  | 39%  |
| Stories in newspapers       | 28   | 26   | 20   | 31   | 21   |
| News on radio               | 17   | 14   | 12   | 21   | 20   |
| Other cities or towns       | 10   | 7    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Street signs/traffic lights | 4    | 5    | 0    | 7    | 11   |
| Editorials in newspapers    | 5    | 6    | 11   | 4    | 10   |
| Friends, relatives          | 1    | 3    | 0    | 4    | 5    |
| Other                       | 5    | 2    | 15   | 10   | 4    |
| None                        | 17   | 17   | 17   | 6    | 21   |

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After the questions addressing the issues of awareness, drivers were asked if their views of photo radar and red light cameras had changed.

Six in ten indicate they are more supportive of photo radar and red light cameras. The proportion less supportive moved upward, but is still slightly below the 18 percent in 1997, standing at 16 percent currently.

"Based on what you just mentioned you saw or heard, are you more supportive, less supportive or feel no different about photo radar and red light cameras?"

	2004	2001	2000	1999	1997
More supportive Less supportive	60% 16	63% 9	65% 6	63% 9	51% 18
No difference	22	26	28	26	27
Not sure	2	2	1	2	4

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A review of these data for driver segments reveals drivers aged 25 and over are more supportive than younger drivers.

| <u>N = 87</u>  | More<br>Supportive   | Less<br>Supportive  | No<br>Difference    |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL  | 60%                  | 16%                 | 22%                 |
| GENDER<br>Male<br>Female                               | 58<br>62             | 20<br>12            | 20<br>24            |
| AGE<br>18 to 24<br>25 to 34<br>35 to 54<br>55 and over | 50<br>67<br>61<br>58 | 0<br>33<br>14<br>16 | 50<br>0<br>25<br>21 |

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# **IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM**

Scottsdale drivers were asked about the impact of the program on a series of specific dimensions.

Results on each dimension have changed favorably from the 2001 survey. One-third feel the program has "done a great deal" to "reduce the number of people who run red lights", and one-fourth to "cut down on speeding" in the City.

Fully three in ten now feel the program has "done a great deal" to "improve traffic safety in Scottsdale."

"Photo radar and red light cameras are now operating in Scottsdale. Do you think the program has done a great deal, some or only a little to..."

	A Great		Only a	
	Deal	Some	Little	Unsure
Reduce number of people who run				
red lights	33%	30%	25%	12%
Improve traffic safety in Scottsdale	30	31	27	12
Cut down on speeding in city	24	35	33	8
Slow down traffic in general	20	35	38	7
Reduce the number of collisions	18	32	30	20
Save tax payer dollars	13	19	34	34
Prevent insurance rates from				
increasing	11	20	42	27

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The next table displays these data by age groups.

% FEEL PROGRAM HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL

|   | Total | 18 to 24 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 54 | 55 and over |
|---|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Reduce the number of people who         |       |          |          |          |             |
| run red lights                          | 33%   | 56%      | 32%      | 31%      | 31%         |
| Cut down on speeding in the city        | 24    | 39       | 24       | 23       | 24          |
| Improve traffic safety in Scottsdale    | 30    | 28       | 19       | 30       | 34          |
| Slow down traffic in general            | 20    | 22       | 24       | 17       | 22          |
| Reduce the number of collisions         | 18    | 22       | 19       | 18       | 18          |
| Save taxpayer dollars                   | 13    | 6        | 14       | 14       | 12          |
| Prevent insurance rates from increasing | 11    | 22       | 11       | 10       | 10          |

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Drivers were also asked to compare their current driving habits with those before photo radar was operating in Scottsdale and compared to driving habits when in neighboring cities that do not have photo radar.

Scottsdale drivers claiming to be more careful have increased overall, to almost half. Those most likely to be more careful in the presence of photo radar and red light cameras are drivers under 35 years of age.

"Would you say you are more careful to observe speed limits and traffic regulations when driving in Scottsdale than when you are driving in cities that do not have photo radar?"

	More Careful	Not More Careful/No Difference	Unsure
TOTAL	47%	51%	2%
GENDER Male Female	47 47	51 51	2 2
AGE 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 54 55 and over	60 68 45 42	30 30 54 56	10 2 1 2

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"Would you say you are more careful to observe speed limits and traffic regulations when driving in Scottsdale than you were before photo radar was operating there?"

|                                 | More<br>Careful | Not More<br>Careful/No<br>Difference | Unsure  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
|                                 | Careiui         | Dillelelice                          | Olisule |
| TOTAL                           | 44%             | 53%                                  | 3%      |
| <u>GENDER</u><br>Male<br>Female | 44<br>44        | 53<br>53                             | 3<br>3  |
| <u>Age</u>                      |                 |                                      |         |
| 18 to 24                        | 55              | 35                                   | 10      |
| 25 to 34                        | 60              | 35                                   | 5       |
| 35 to 54                        | 43              | 54                                   | 3       |
| 55 and over                     | 40              | 58                                   | 2       |

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# **OPINIONS OF THE PROGRAM**

Support for the use of photo radar and red light cameras is largely unchanged from 2001, and these measures are supported by three-fourths. Two in ten remain opposed and six percent are unsure.

Consistent with prior surveys, women remain more supportive than men, with support among men falling nine points since 2001.

"In general, do you support or oppose the use of photo radar and red light cameras?"

	Support	Oppose	Not Sure
TOTAL	74%	20%	6%
GENDER Male Female	65 83	29 12	6 5
AGE 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 54 55 and over	65 65 69 81	30 28 24 15	5 7 7 4

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Respondents were also asked for their perception of how other Scottsdale drivers feel about the program.

Results are roughly similar to those recorded in the prior surveys. While over three-quarters report they support the use of photo radar and red light cameras, they feel only three in ten of other Scottsdale drivers support the program.

"Thinking about other Scottsdale drivers, which of the following best describes how you think they feel?"

|                                       | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                       |      |      |      |      |      |
| Almost everyone supports it.          | 5%   | 2%   | 4%   | 4%   | 1%   |
| Majority supports it.                 | 24   | 23   | 23   | 21   | 20   |
| Evenly divided between supporters and |      |      |      |      |      |
| opposers.                             | 36   | 43   | 39   | 40   | 36   |
| Majority oppose it.                   | 14   | 16   | 17   | 18   | 25   |
| Almost everyone opposes it.           | 5    | 6    | 7    | 6    | 5    |
| Not sure.                             | 16   | 10   | 10   | 11   | 13   |

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The next table displays these data by gender and age.

	Almost Everyone/	Evenly Divided Between	Majority/ Almost	
_	Majority Supports It	Supporters and Opponents	Everyone Opposes It	Unsure
TOTAL	29%	36%	19%	16%
GENDER Male Female	27 32	34 38	24 13	15 17
AGE 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 54 55 and over	45 20 32 27	25 50 34 37	25 25 20 15	5 5 14 21

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Respondents were asked why they feel as they do to the prior question. As may be seen below, their responses are about evenly divided between positive and negative.

| <u>Positive</u>         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Safety issues           | 19% |
| General support         | 12  |
| <u>Neutral</u>          |     |
| Lack of support         | 14  |
| Will not solve problems | 7   |
| Unfair                  | 6   |
| Not cost effective      | 3   |
| Poor locations          | 1   |
| Don't know              | 24  |

Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses

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Survey respondents were then advised that 35 percent of collisions are due to speeding and six percent to the running of red lights. They were then asked how they felt about photo radar and how they felt about redlight cameras.

Comparable to the 2000 survey, seven in ten are more favorable towards photo radar and eight of ten are more favorable towards red light cameras in light of this information.

"Statistics show that, 35 percent of collisions are due to speeding and 6 percent of collisions are due to the running of red lights. In light of this, are you more favorable or less favorable towards..."

	More	Less	No Change	Unsure
Photo radar	71%	18%	8%	3%
Red light cameras	78	13	7	2

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Then, as an overall measure of support or opposition, Scottsdale drivers were asked if they support or oppose the use of photo radar and red light cameras to increase traffic safety in Scottsdale.

Eight of ten support the program, about the same as in 2001. Eighteen percent oppose the program and five percent are unsure.

"Considering everything we've talked about, do you support or oppose the use of photo radar and red light cameras to increase traffic safety in Scottsdale?"

|                    | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Support            | 77%  | 77%  | 78%  | 80%  | 75%  |
| Oppose             | 18   | 13   | 18   | 17   | 20   |
| No change/Not sure | 5    | 10   | 4    | 3    | 5    |

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A review among the subgroups reveals that women are significantly more supportive than men.

Support for the program among younger drivers increased by 12 points to 75 percent.

	Support	Oppose	No Change/ Not Sure
TOTAL	77%	18%	5%
<u>GENDER</u> Male Female	69 85	27 9	4 6
AGE 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 54 55 and over	75 68 73 82	15 25 22 14	10 7 5 4

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Three-quarters of Scottsdale drivers feel that photo radar and red light cameras should be used in more locations around the city. The proportion opposed inched up from 19 percent to 23 percent.

"Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that photo radar or red light cameras should be used in more locations around the city?"

|                   | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| Strongly agree    | 36%  | 35%  | 38%  | 39%  | 34%  |
| Agree             | 37   | 42   | 37   | 33   | 34   |
| Disagree          | 14   | 13   | 15   | 16   | 16   |
| Strongly disagree | 9    | 6    | 8    | 9    | 13   |
| Unsure            | 4    | 4    | 2    | 3    | 2    |

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As was seen in the prior surveys, women remain more likely than men to support expansion of the program. Support for program expansion increased among drivers aged 35 and over.

	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree/Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
TOTAL	36%	73%	23%	9%
GENDER Male Female	31 41	65 80	31 17	13 6
AGE 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 54 55 and over	20 23 36 40	65 68 72 75	35 32 25 19	10 7 9 9

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# PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM

Six percent of Scottsdale drivers report they received a citation for speeding in Scottsdale in the past year, the same finding in the last two studies.

"In the past year, have you personally received a citation for speeding in Scottsdale?"

|  | % Yes             |
|--|-------------------|
| TOTAL  | 6%                |
| <u>GENDER</u><br>Male<br>Female                        | 5<br>7            |
| AGE<br>18 to 24<br>25 to 34<br>35 to 54<br>55 and over | 0<br>13<br>7<br>5 |

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Nine in ten report the tickets were based on photo radar; only eight percent were given the ticket by a police officer.

"Was the ticket you received based on photo radar or was the ticket given directly to you by a police officer?"

|                | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                |      |      |      |      |      |
| Photo radar    | 92%  | 88%  | 79%  | 68%  | 76%  |
| Police officer | 8    | 4    | 21   | 28   | 24   |

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Eight in ten of those who received a speeding ticket agreed that they have become more attentive drivers as a result of receiving the ticket. This reflects a notable increase from 2001.

"Would you agree or disagree that as a result of that ticket you have become a more attentive driver?"

|                   | 2004      | 2001      | 2000      | 1999           | 1997      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Agree<br>Disagree | 80%<br>20 | 58%<br>38 | 75%<br>25 | 68%<br>24      | 59%<br>35 |
| Disagree          | 20        | 30        | 25        | 2 <del>4</del> | 55        |

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As in the three prior studies, one percent of Scottsdale drivers report receiving a citation for running a red light in the past year.

All report the ticket was based on a red light camera, and all agree they have become more attentive drivers as a result of the citation.

"In the past year, have you personally received a citation for <u>running a red light</u> in Scottsdale?"

|     | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
|     |      |      |      |      |      |
| Yes | 1%   | 1%   | 1%   | 1%   | 1%   |
| No  | 99   | 99   | 99   | 98   | 99   |

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"Was the ticket you received based on a red light camera or was the ticket given directly to you by a police officer?"

|                  | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Red light camera | 67%  | 100% | 75%  | 67%  | 60%  |
| Police officer   | 33   | 0    | 25   | 33   | 40   |

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"Would you agree or disagree that as a result of that ticket you have become a more attentive driver?"

|                             | 2004           | 2001           | 2000           | 1999          | 1997            |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Agree<br>Disagree<br>Unsure | 100%<br>0<br>0 | 100%<br>0<br>0 | 50%<br>50<br>0 | 83<br>17<br>0 | 40%<br>40<br>20 |
|                             |                |                |                |               |                 |

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Two of ten Scottsdale drivers report they or someone they know has been in a car crash in the past 12 months.

The likelihood of being in a crash or knowing someone who was is, again, notably above average among those under 35.

Half indicate they have become more attentive drivers; yet, almost the same percentage indicate it has made no difference.

"Have you, or anyone you know been in a car crash in the past 12 months?"

|        | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | <u> 1997 </u> |
|--------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
|        |      |      |      |      |               |
| Yes    | 21%  | 22%  | 21%  | 24   | 22%           |
| No     | 79   | 78   | 79   | 75   | 77            |
| Unsure | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1             |

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|-----|-----|
| U/_ | VAC |
| 70  | 160 |

|                 | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TOTAL           | 21%  | 22%  | 21%  | 24%  | 22%  |
| AGE<br>18 to 24 | 55   | 31   | 50   | 38   | 47   |
| 25 to 34        | 35   | 31   | 24   | 34   | 33   |
| 35 to 54        | 19   | 24   | 21   | 20   | 23   |
| 55 and over     | 16   | 16   | 14   | 22   | 13   |

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"Would you agree or disagree that as a result of that crash, you have become a more attentive driver?"

| _        | 2004 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1997 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
|          |      |      |      |      | ·    |
| Agree    | 55%  | 49%  | 50%  | 59%  | 47%  |
| Disagree | 42   | 45   | 44   | 37   | 43   |
| Unsure   | 3    | 6    | 6    | 4    | 10   |

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#### SUGGESTED CHANGES IN SCOTTSDALE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

We asked Scottsdale drivers what one change they would make in the city's traffic enforcement program. Four in ten mention traffic enforcement issues, such as more police officers, more red light and photo radar locations and more enforcement in general.

Three in ten mention street improvements and traffic management issues. Negative issues, mentioned by one in ten, include getting rid of photo radar and red light cameras and more flexibility by police.

One in twenty mention safety issues, specifically expanded driver education and outlawiing cell phone use while driving.

Two in ten have no suggestions.

"If you had the power to make one change in Scottsdale's traffic enforcement program, what change would you make?"

|                                                                                                                                        | %                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ENFORCEMENT (NET)  More police officers  More red light photo locations  More enforcement  More photo radar locations                  | 39%<br>12<br>9<br>7<br>11 |
| ROADS/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (NET) Improve traffic flow/reduce volume Slow traffic/more speed bumps Widen/improve roads More street lights | 27%<br>10<br>8<br>7<br>2  |
| NEGATIVE ISSUES (NET) Get rid of photo radar Get rid of red light cameras More flexibility by police Fewer photo radar locations       | 9%<br>4<br>3<br>0<br>2    |
| SAFETY ISSUES (NET)  More driver education/training Outlaw cell phones while driving                                                   | <b>4%</b><br>3<br>1       |
| Miscellaneous single mentions<br>None/Don't know                                                                                       | 2<br>20                   |

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# **APPENDIX**

QUESTIONNAIRE

BEHAVIOR RESEARCH CENTER, INC. 1101 North First Street Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 258-4554

# PHOTO RADAR STUDY January 2001

JOB ID	2003167	
RESP ID	)	

	Time Start:				
	Hello, my name is and I'm calling for Behavior Research Ce rch firm. We are conducting a survey on traffic safety in communities such with you for a few minutes. You may be assured that all your answers will be	ch as you	rs and I'd like	e to	
A.	To make sure I am speaking with the correct person, is your residence in Scottsdale?	ļ	(THANK AND		E) Yes1 E) No2
B.	And do you have a drivers license? (IF NO, ASK TO SPEAK TO A LICENSED DRIVER IN HOUSEHOLD)			(CONTINU	E) Yes1 No2
C.	Which of the following categories comes closest to your age? (READ EACH EXCEPT REFUSED) (CHECK QUOTAS)		(DO NO	; ;	18 to 241 25 to 342 35 to 443 45 to 544 55 to 645 or over6 Refused7
1.	There is a program in Scottsdale called Focus on Safety. Would you say you know a great deal, some, only a little or is this the first time you have heard of the Focus on Safety program?			On	eat deal1 Some2 ly a little3 neard of4 Unsure5
2.	As far as you know, are photo radar and red light cameras operating in Scottsdale?	(	CONTINUE) (GO T	OQ4) No,	
3.	Photo radar and red light cameras are now operating in Scottsdale.  Do you think the program has done a great deal, some or only a little to(DO NOT READ NOT SURE)  A. Improve traffic safety in Scottsdale	1	Some 2 2 2 2 2 2	Only A Little  3 3 3 3	Not Sure 4 4 4 4
	Reduce the number of collisions	1	2 2	3	4
4.	G. Prevent insurance rates from increasing	1	2 Not more co		
	4a. Would you say you are more careful to observe speed limits and traffic regulations when driving in Scottsdale than you were		Not more ca		e careful1 ference2

before photo radar was operating there?

about photo radar and red light cameras?

In the past few months, have you seen any publicity or reporting

5.

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(DO NOT READ) Not sure...3

(CONTINUE) Yes...1

(GO TO Q6) No...2

Unsure...3

5a.	What do you remember most about advertising and news sto and red light cameras?	ories you have see	en about photo r	adar 		
5b.	Do you recall seeing or hearing about photo radar and red ligh cameras(READ EACH; ROTATE)	t <u>Yes</u>	No	Don't Know		
A. B. C. D. E.	During movie theater's pre-film advertising In flyers sent with water bills At demonstrations by the Scottsdale Police On radio traffic reports In posters or information cards		2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3 3		
<u>(IF."</u> 5c.	YES" TO ONE OR MORE IN Q5b, ASK Q5c. IF "NO" OR "D0 Based on what you just mentioned you saw or heard, are you more supportive, less supportive or feel no different abou photo radar and red light cameras?	J		More supportive Less supportive No different Not sure		
5d.	Where else have you seen or heard about photo radar and reclight cameras? (RECORD ALL RESPONSES) (DO NOT READ LIST)		Editorial	News on radio  News on TV2  ries in newspapers4  rials in newspapers4  Other		
	eneral, do you support or oppose the use of photo radar and rec cameras?	<u></u>	(DO NOT R	Support Oppose (EAD) Not sure		
6a.	Thinking about other Scottsdale drivers, which of the following best describes how you think they feel.		Ma tween supporte N	most everyone supports it1 Majority supports it2 supporters and opposers3 Majority oppose it4 most everyone opposes it5 Not sure6		
6b.	Why do you say that?					

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7.	of co	stics show that, 35% of collisions are due to speeding and 6% ollisions are due to the running of red lights. In light of this, are more favorable or less favorable towards: (READ EACH)	<u>More</u>	Less	No Change	Unsure	<u>2</u>
	A. B.	Photo radar		2	3 3	4 4	
	7a.	Considering everything we've talked about, do you support or oppose the use of photo radar and red light cameras to increase traffic safety in Scottsdale?		<u>(D</u> (	O NOT RI	O No c	upport1 ppose2 hange3 ot sure4
8.	photo	rou strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that o radar or red light cameras should be used in more locations nd the city?				Dis	Agree2 Agree3 sagree4
9.		e past year, have you personally received a citation for <u>speeding</u> cottsdale?				NTINUE TO Q11	Yes1 No2
	9a.	Was the ticket you received based on photo radar or was the ticket given directly to you by a police officer?			Don'	Police	o radar1 officer2 efused3
	9b.	Would you agree or disagree that as a result of that ticket you have become a more attentive driver?				Dis	Agree1 sagree2 Jnsure3
10.		e past year, have you personally received a citation for <u>running</u> dight in Scottsdale?					<u>Yes1</u> No2
	10a.	Was the ticket you received based on a red light camera or was the ticket given directly to you by a police officer?				Police	amera1 officer2 efused3
	10b.	Would you agree or disagree that as a result of that ticket you have become a more attentive driver?				Dis	Agree1 sagree2 Jnsure3
11.	Have mon	e you, or anyone you know been in a car crash in the past 12 ths?				DEMOS	Yes1 No2 Insure3
	11a.	Would you agree or disagree that, as a result of that crash, you have become a more attentive driver?				Dis	Agree1 sagree2 Jnsure3
12.	prog	u had the power to make one change in Scottsdale's traffic ram, what change would you make? (PRE-CODE; RECORD ST ANSWER ONLY)		Few More Fewer if red li	er photo Get rid red light pred light photo more sper Widen/ (SI	radar loc of photo bhoto loc bhoto loc light loc ed bump improve PECIFY)	cations1 cations2 o radar4 cations4 cations5 cations6 os, etc7 e roads8 o Other9 know10

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

# (OBSERVED DATA:)

Male...1 Female...2

Thank you very much, that completes this interview. My supervisor may want to call you to verify that I conducted this interview so may I have your first name so that they may do so? **(VERIFY PHONE NUMBER)** 

NAME:	PHONE #:
TIME END:	TOTAL TIME:
ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:	
INTERVIEWER NAME:	
INTERVIEW DATE:	<u> </u>
VALIDATED BY:	#:
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CODED BY:	#:
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